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FOR SALE.  
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SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.  
VOGEL & Co.,  
Sole Agents for China.  
Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my19

## FOR SALE.

THE British Iron Barque "BEN-CLUTHA" 997 Tons Register, as she now lies at anchor in CREEFOO Harbour.  
For Particulars, &c., apply to  
Messrs H. SIETAS & Co., Chefoo.  
Hongkong, April 28, 1879. my28

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract, THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY, Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz.—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 751 and 752, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, SHILLS, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to  
Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON,  
Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.  
THE Business of the Undersigned will in future be conducted under the Firm of SHARP and DANBY.

SHARP & Co.,  
Estate Agents and Valuers.  
WILLIAM DANBY, C. E.,  
Architect and Surveyor.  
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately occupied by  
Messrs E. D. SASSOON & Co.  
Hongkong, April 17, 1879. my17

## NOTICE.

MR. THOMAS WILLIAM WRIGHT is authorised to SIGN our Firm per Procuration from this Date.  
SAYLE & Co.  
Hongkong, May 6, 1879. jn6

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on the 31st December last.  
Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

## NOTICE.

MR. JAMES ANDERSON, formerly Manager of the Foochow Dock, has this Day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.  
J. INGLIS & Co.,  
Victoria Foundry, Wanchai.  
Hongkong, April 1, 1879. jyl

## Intimations.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, situate at No. 7, Queen's Road, Hongkong, at 8 a.m. on TUESDAY, the 20th Instant, for the purpose of confirming such Special Resolution passed the Day.  
Dated the 6th day of May, 1879.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
my20 General Managers.

## Intimations.

SEALED TENDERS for the Extension of BOILER SHED; REPAIRS to ROOF, PILLARS, &c., at H.M. NAVAL YARD, will be received by the Undersigned on or before TUESDAY, the 27th Instant, at Noon.  
Plan and Specification can be seen on application at the NAVAL STOREKEEPER'S OFFICE.  
JOHN BRENNER,  
Naval Storekeeper.  
H. M.'s Naval Yard,  
Hongkong, 13th May, 1879. my27

## NOTICE.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above OFFICE are Requested to furnish the Undersigned with a LIST of THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS for the Year ending 31st December, 1878, in order that the Distribution of the PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 30th JUNE Next will be Adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 14th May, 1879. jn30

G. FALCONER & Co.,  
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,  
AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.  
46, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, April 21, 1879. my20

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Directors have declared an EXTRA DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. on Shareholders Capital, payable at the Office of the Secretaries, on the 28th Instant, to SHAREHOLDERS of Record on the 21st Instant.  
By Order of the Directors,  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Secretaries.  
Shanghai, 18th April, 1879. my23

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.  
MEYER & Co.,  
Proprietors.  
Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-Y-THREE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIUM CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th Instant.  
POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.  
By Order of the Directors,  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 6, 1879.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. KASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

## Intimations.

NOTICE.  
HONGKONG COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.

THE EXCHANGE ROOMS in MARINE HOUSE, Queen's Road Central, will be Open and Ready for the use of MEMBERS, on MONDAY, the 2nd June next. Applications for admission as Members to be addressed to  
E. GEORGE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, May 14, 1879.

## NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct my BUSINESS of MARINE SURVEYOR during my temporary absence from the Colony.  
R. H. CAIRNS.  
Club Chambers,  
Hongkong, May 6th, 1879. jn6

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 101.  
CHINA SEA.

YANGTZE RIVER—SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that information has been received from Captain CHASE of the C. M. S. N. Co.'s Steamer FUYEW, that on the 8th Instant, he passed a sunken Junk on the South side of the Channel about 5 miles inside the "Tungsha" Light-vessel, the "Kiutoan" Light-vessel bearing about N.W. by N.  
By order of the Inspector-General of Customs,  
GERALD E. WELLESLEY,  
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.  
Imperial Maritime Customs,  
Engineer's Office,  
Shanghai, 9th May, 1879. my18

PHOTOGRAPHY.

POPPELBAUM begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he has taken over the BUSINESS of Mr. H. SCHUBERT—well-known in Hongkong—and is prepared to take PHOTOGRAPHS daily from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. Having previously been employed by Mr. SCHUBERT, and had long experience in some of the most celebrated Studios in Europe, he will take any Work in PHOTOGRAPHY, and is able to guarantee satisfaction to all who favour him with their Patronage. Photographs enlarged to life-size and finished in Artistic Style. Any Pictures not meeting with the approval of Patrons will not be charged for.

PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO,  
Wyndham Street.  
Hongkong, April 21, 1879. my21

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Books, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.  
Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship Alaska, Captain SEABURY, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
The above Steamer having incurred General Average, Consignees of Cargo and Treasure are notified that a General Average Bond is now lying at our Office and will require their Signature before delivery.  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 10, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Ex "Iravaddy."  
Y. N. 1308, Mr. Yip, 1 cask Wine, from Marseilles.  
Hongkong, April 24, 1879.

## Shipping.

OLANO LARRINAGA & CO.'S LINE OF SPANISH STEAMERS.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)  
The New Steamer  
"GRAFINA,"  
Capt. ALDAMIS DE KORRERIA, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY Next, the 17th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
REMEDIOS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 15, 1879. my17

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALOUTTA.

The Steamship  
"VENICE,"  
P. L. RHOZE, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th Inst., at 3 o'clock.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, May 8, 1879. my17

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALOUTTA.

The Steamship  
"JAPAN,"  
Capt. T. S. GARDNER, will leave for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th Inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 8, 1879. my17

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.

The Steamship  
"HAILONG,"  
Captain ABBOTT, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 18th Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.  
Hongkong, May 15, 1879. my18

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark  
"EDWARD MAY,"  
Capt. JOHNSON, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, April 30, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Ship  
"OLIVINDA,"  
BEADLE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will be despatched on or before the 5th of May.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL & Co.  
Hongkong, April 25, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The American Bark  
"VESUVIUS,"  
Captain CULL, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, May 8, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Ship  
"ONEIDA,"  
Captain CLYDE, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, April 17, 1879.

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Schooner  
"NUEVO CONSTANTE,"  
Captain URBATE, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to  
REMEDIOS & Co.  
Hongkong, May 9, 1879.

FOR HAMBURG.

The British Bark  
"GOLDEN FLEECE,"  
WILTSHIRE, Master.  
For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL & Co.  
Hongkong, May 7, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship  
"HAZE,"  
EVANS, Master.  
For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL & Co.  
Hongkong, April 16, 1879.

## Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship  
"EDITH,"  
MANSON, Master.  
For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL & Co.  
Hongkong, March 28, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 American Ship  
"PRIMA DONNA,"  
LUST, Master.  
For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL & Co.  
Hongkong, March 28, 1879.

## To Let.

TO LET.  
OFFICES, GODOWNS, and GOODS STORED.  
Apply to  
PUSTAU & Co.,  
Praya, Pottinger Street.  
Hongkong, April 30, 1879. my30

TO LET—AT WANCHAI.

FIRST CLASS GODOWNS.  
Goods of every description Landed and Stored.  
For terms, apply to  
LANDSTEIN & Co.  
Hongkong, April 4, 1879. jyl

TO LET.

TWO HOUSES, Nos. 29 and 31, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.  
Apply to  
J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & Co.  
Hongkong, May 9, 1879. jn9

"ROSE VILLAS"—FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED,  
BONHAM ROAD.  
Apply to  
SHARP & DANBY,  
No. 6, Queen's Road Central, late Messrs E. D. SASSOON & Co.  
Hongkong, May 10, 1879.

TO LET—FURNISHED.

THE CLIFFS, near Mount Gough, containing SIX LARGE ROOMS, &c.—presently occupied by Dr. ADAMS.  
Apply to  
MR. J. D. HUMPHREYS,  
Hongkong Dispensary.  
Hongkong, May 8, 1879.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, ZETLAND STREET.  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, April 23, 1879.

TO LET.

(WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.)  
NOS. 10 & 12, LYNHURST TERRACE, at present occupied by Messrs NUSSEY KESSOWSKY & Co.  
Apply to  
Linstead & Co.  
Hongkong, April 24, 1879.

TO LET.

OFFICES in CLUB CHAMBERS.  
Apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.  
Hongkong, April 8, 1879.

TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable for OFFICES and DWELLING, also for a STORE, Queen's Road Central. Possession 1st March next.  
Apply to  
LANDSTEIN & Co.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue House, situate on Praya East:—  
FIRST FLOORS of Nos. 2, 3 and 4, Praya East, with immediate possession.  
As also,  
FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue House at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65, and BAREMENT No. 2.  
Also,  
A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.  
For further particulars, apply to  
MYERS & Co.  
Hongkong, March 4, 1879.







took the necessary observations, and his notes are recorded below. These may be summarized as follows:—Herr Macley was in normal health, and had fasted eighteen hours before commencing the experiment. He had never smoked tobacco. Twenty-seven pipes, equivalent to 107 grains of the opium, used by the Chinese, were smoked in two and three-quarter hours, at tolerably regular intervals. The third removed the feeling of hunger caused by his long fast, and his pulse rose from 72 to 80. The fourth and fifth caused slight heaviness and desire for sleep; but there was no hesitation in giving correct answers, though he could not guide himself about the room. After the seventh pipe the pulse fell to 70. The twelfth pipe was followed by singing in the ears, and after the thirteenth he laughed heartily, though without any cause that he can remember. Questions asked at this time were answered only after a pause, and not always correctly. He had for some time ceased to be conscious of his actions. After the twenty-fifth pipe questions asked in a loud tone were not answered. After the last pipe had been smoked he remarked, "I do not hear well." Forty minutes later there was a slight return of consciousness, and he said, "I am quite bewildered. May I smoke some more?" The man with the pipe gone already? Fifteen minutes later (4.45 P.M.) he was able to go home, and then retired to bed. He woke the next morning at 8 A.M., and made a hearty meal, after his fast of thirty-three hours. During the next day he felt as if he had been in a great hollow in his head, as well as a slight headache. The organs of locomotion were first affected, next came sight and hearing, but Herr Macley is very positive that there were no dreams, hallucinations, or visions of any sort whatever.

The writer of "The Week" in the *Englishman's Saturday Evening Journal* writes as follows, concerning the unusual gaiety that a small contingent of the Calcutta community had suddenly rushed into on the strength of the arrival of the German War Frigate, the *Luise*, which was here but a short time ago:—

No one could tell me last Saturday morning what was the reason of all the ships in the river being dressed out with flags, and a search through your books of facts did not enable me to find that any important Indian event had happened on that day. When the royal salute was fired, I thought that, though somewhat late in the day, we were celebrating the marriage of the Duke of Connaught; but I found out afterwards that it was all in honour of the birthday of the Emperor of Germany, combined with the presence of his man-of-war in the river. The German officers celebrated the event by giving a party on board the *Luise*, which everyone present enjoyed so much that it was like the spark to kindle the expiring embers of our gay season, and every night afterwards the German officers were entertained either by their own countrymen, the Lieutenant Governor, or some of our few remaining big wigs. And very pleasant parties they all were, especially the one at the German Club, where the Captain of the *Luise* rather poked fun at his hosts by saying, in reply to the toast of his health, that he expected to find his countrymen living a wretched life in a foreign country, but he found them living like princes. I fancy the officers of the *Luise* will take away a pleasant recollection of their visit to Calcutta.

WHAT would the good people of Hongkong say to Lawn Tennis on a Sunday? The suggestion is not ours,—far from it. But this is what a presumably respectable gentleman writes to the *Ceylon Times*; he signs himself "Paterfamilias," and dates from the aristocratic quarter of the City,—the Cinnamon Gardens:—

I have got into hot water with several of my friends and neighbours because early on Sunday mornings and in the cool of Sunday evenings, I join the members of my family in a game of that healthy pastime, Lawn Tennis. I am told that I am not a Christian, and that I have no fear of God or judgment, and so warmly has what I regarded as a most innocent exercise been condemned that, like Popay, I begin to feel that "I've very wicked." I should therefore feel glad if you or some of your readers will give me their views on the subject. If I am thoroughly convinced by any arguments that I am doing what is wrong, and setting a bad example either to my family or my neighbours, I will immediately give in; but at present, I contend that I am doing no harm. Archbishop Whately, I find, says that "with regard to the Sabbath there is evidently no mention made to the Gentiles, for they were not commanded to keep it. But the Lord's Day was celebrated among the early Christians." Heges on to say "when some traditional illustration has come down to us, of which great part is probably of Apostolic origin, we are to take the whole as a human ordinance, and is not designed to bind all Christians absolutely, though deserving of attentive and respectful enquiry owing to its antiquity. If I had, in fact, not the least doubt as to the custom of the Apostles, I should not be bound to conform to their practice, nor to celebrate their love feasts, &c."—That the manner of observing Sunday has varied from time to time is beyond doubt, and Dr. Arnold writes "It was made more or less strict on grounds of religious expediency without reference in either case to the authority of the fourth commandment. Our own reformers required the clergy to teach the people that they would grievously offend God if they abstained from working on Sunday in harvest time." It would be easy to multiply such quotations and facts, all tending to show that there is strong evidence against the theory of a Divine authority for Christians to observe a seventh day; but before I trouble you with any further arguments, I should like to hear something on the other side.

Freemasonry prospers well in India, equally well we may say in every Presidency. Writing of the departure from India of the Hon. H. S. Gibbs, Senior member of Council, the *Bombay Gazette* says:—

Another cause of the great popularity enjoyed by Mr Gibbs was his earnest promotion of masonry in Bombay. As Mr Tyrrell Leigh said the other day, masonry is becoming in India an important lever for removing the obstructions set up by caste to freedom of social intercourse between Europeans and natives. The democratic creed of the masons sets the native at ease by assuring him that he shall be treated respectfully, and welcomed

as a brother, by the white man; while the absence of religious dogmatism in masonry leaves him at liberty to preserve a belief in the essential principles of his own religion, though he may cast off the social prejudices that priests have devised for keeping him in their own hands. We see, therefore, that with every day that passes masonry becomes more and more popular with educated natives of all the various sects; and Mr Gibbs showed a right appreciation of the value of this new reforming agency when he became the enthusiastic leader of the English masons of Bombay. To his long experience in managing masonic lodges he is no doubt indebted for that pleasant facility of speech and for much of that urbanity of manner for which he is distinguished.

#### SAD FATAL ACCIDENT? A EUROPEAN.—INQUEST.

An inquest was held this afternoon on the body of a European lad, aged 18, named Charles Penniket, a boy on board the steamer *Scotland*, who was accidentally drowned whilst bathing. The jury comprised Messrs J. H. Holmes, W. Lapsley, and J. Ledbury.

Thomas McGee, an ordinary seaman on board the *Scotland*, stated that he and deceased went on board the training ship together last June twelve months, and joined the *Scotland* about five months ago. On Wednesday about 6 p.m. the deceased, myself and five other members of the crew were bathing from the ship's side as she lay moored to a buoy in this harbour. The deceased was the first in the water, and had been round the ship before I went in. I was in the water about twenty minutes, and after I came on board and was dressed, I saw the deceased still in the water. When I last saw him he was floating on his back close alongside. I saw no one else in the water then, but I cannot say that all the five men had come on board. The deceased was a very good swimmer, but he was subject to fainting fits, and when suffering from these fits, he usually became insensible for five or ten minutes. During that interval he was unable to speak, but would sometimes remain standing or sitting, and when he recovered from the attack he always suffered from severe headache. One of the men suffered from the deceased at 7 o'clock, and it was then discovered that he had not come on board and his clothes were in the fore-castle. A search was then made all round the ship; it was daylight, but no trace of him was found. A report was made to the mate and subsequently to the police.

Dr. Wharry deposed as to the cause of death. The body was examined this morning. It had been dead about forty-eight hours. The eyelids and part of the face appear to have been eaten by fish or crabs. The body appeared to have been for some time in the water. There were no other marks on the body. Death appeared to have resulted from drowning. The fit he (witness) had heard described appeared to be very much like cataplexy.

Henry Coventon sworn stated:—I am an ordinary seaman on board the steamer *Scotland*. On Wednesday evening a little before 6 o'clock I went into the water to bathe. The deceased was in the same time. I remained in the water about twenty minutes; I then got on-board by the gangway ladder and saw the deceased about two fathoms and a half away from the ship, and I asked him if he was coming on board to tea. He said, "yes, presently." He was on very good terms with the other men in the water. Deceased was a very good swimmer. He was subject to fits, and I attribute his death to a fit. His clothes were in the fore-castle; and deceased not having come on board by 7 o'clock, I reported the matter to the mate. A search was made all over the ship and round about in the water. A report was subsequently made to the Water Police.

Chun Aboi, a fisherman, said that yesterday morning about 6 o'clock he received orders from the police to look for the body and found it about 4 p.m. opposite the Canton Steamer Wharf; it was taken to the Police Hulk.

William Atkinson, sworn, stated:—I am the master of the British steamer *Scotland*. I first heard of the deceased being missing between 7 and 8 o'clock on Wednesday night. I made enquiries on board and not finding him reported the matter to the Water Police. I did not suspect he was drowned, as I had seen him in the water before, and knew him to be an expert swimmer. I thought perhaps he had gone on board one of the neighbouring ships. I did not know he was subject to fits. I believe he was on good terms with every body on board; when the body was brought to the surface one arm was bent and the fist clenched as though he had been taken by a cramp.

A verdict of "accidental death" was recorded.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Before C. F. Cragg, Esq.)

Friday, 16th May.

#### RECOVERING TREAS.

Lo Kumko and four other women were charged with being found in the unlawful possession of some newly cut shrobs near Stanley. Defendants admitted the charge, and were fined \$2 each, with the alternative of ten days' hard labour. Mr Cragg ordered the arresting Constable (Alli Hosson No. 600) to receive \$2 reward from the fine.

#### GAMBLING.

Chan Ashui, a hawker, was fined 50 cents for gambling on the Recreation Ground. He offered 20 cents to the Constable to let him go.

#### LARCENY.

Cheung Santong, a coolie, was charged with stealing a silver watch and chain, a jacket, and other articles the property of one Wong Ahum, a cook. He admitted the charge and was sent to six weeks' hard labour and ordered to pay \$5 amends to the complainant or be further imprisoned for 4 weeks.

#### STUPRICATION.

Wong Ahum, a coolie, was sent to three months' hard labour as a rogue and vagabond, having been found concealed behind some firewood at Yow-mah-ti.

#### BEATING A CHIN COOLIE.

Mr William Legge, broker, appeared on a summons for assaulting one Kwong Chuan-fun, a chin coolie. Complainant stated that he was a chin coolie to the defendant

On the 28th April about 6 p.m., he asked the defendant to allow him to get his dinner; complainant was waiting with the chair at the Hongkong Hotel; defendant then beat him with his fist and with complainant's queue. Complainant did not intend to summon the defendant at first, but finding that he was still suffering from the effects of the beating, he did so. He had been under the treatment of a Chinese doctor ever since, and was quite unable to work owing to the beating.

Defendant stated that the man came to him at the head of the stairs of the Hotel, and asked for leave to go out. He (defendant) had not seen him for two days before, and owing to his neglect of duty defendant refused to allow him to go out. Complainant then gave an impertinent answer, and defendant slapped his face with his open hand; he denied striking him with his fist or on the body. Complainant said he might do so if he chose, but subsequently he agreed not to do so if he received his full wages. He had received his full wages, and nothing further had been heard of the matter till now.

Mr Cragg remanded the case till to-morrow at noon, in order that the complainant might be examined by Dr. Ayres. We believe that the doctor's report is to the effect that there are no marks on the man's body, but two recent pinch bruises, one on the back and the other on the arm.

#### (Before the Hon C. B. Phunket.)

CUTTING AND WOUNDING ON BOARD A JUNK. The remanded case in which Chan a Chai and ten other seamen were charged with assaulting and wounding two men on board a junk, and discharging firearms in the harbour, came on again to-day.

Dr Wharry gave evidence as to the nature of the wounds which were, he said, incised wounds on the ankle. They must have been made by some sharp instrument; a broken chaffie could have done it.

The defendants denied using chopppers, but said the other boat collided with theirs, and damaged the bows of their boat. A quarrel arose and they threw chaffies at one another. Some of the defendants denied having taken any part in the disturbance; they were, they said, asleep.

His Worship sent two of them to two months' hard labour and the rest of them to one month's hard labour, and all were ordered to find security in \$25 for their good behaviour for six months. The eighth defendant was ordered to compensate one of the wounded men (Ng Tah U) in \$20, or to be further imprisoned for two months with hard labour.

#### China.

FOOTLOCK.

(Herald, May 8th.)

H. B. M. S. *Vigilant*, with Admiral Coote on board, arrived at Pagoda Anchorage on the 28th ultimo, and left for Shanghai on the following day. H. M. S. *Sheldrake* went out for a cruise on the 5th instant.

We understand that the Eastern and Australian Steam Navigation Company propose placing a steamer on the berth for Melbourne and another for Sydney at the opening of the Tea season; and that subsequently the Company's steamers will call here throughout the season about first of each month.

The S.S. *Braemar Castle* arrived on the 2nd instant, followed on the 5th by the *Ben Glen*. Both vessels will understand for London. The *Glencairn*, *Glenelg*, *Monarch*, *Peninsular*, *Sydney*, *Glenfalloch*, and other steamers are expected shortly, and will also take cargo for the same port. The rate of freight is not yet fixed, though the general impression is that the opening rate will be about the same as last year.

#### KUUKIANG.

7th May.

The new tea have been coming into the Settlement during the last few days, and several hundreds of women and girls are employed picking out the stalks, &c. There are a couple of godowns here just now where the process of "tea picking" is going on, and the noise which proceeds therefrom is almost sufficient to drive a person of weak nerves distracted. It would not be so bad if these fairy angels would confine their "choin music" to the hours of daylight, but they do not. They commence at early morning, very early indeed, sometimes about 2 o'clock for instance, and they keep it up. Of course at that hour it is too early to do any work, but crowds of the aforesaid angels congregate on the outside the closed doors of the premises and favour us with their ideas on various subjects, interspersed with polite invitations to "open the door," to which the obdurate watchman, not responding, the applicants introduce a little gentle pressure on the doors with battering rams in the shape of bricks, by way of diversifying the monotony. It is their object to commence picking as early as possible, for they are paid, not by the day, but at the rate of 4 cash a catty. The ancient and—presumably on that account—the steady dimes, only earn from 40 to 60 cash a day, while a number of the others, who are younger and with good looks, receive as much as 180 cash a day. They do not really earn this—that is in the sense the tea owner looks at the matter—that is to say, they do not pick 40 catties a day, nor anything like that quantity; but when they hand in their catty of tea for inspection they persuade the overseers to mark down 2, 3 and 4 catties on the tickets with which they are provided, and it often occurs, too, that the one catty is not properly picked, but is passed over, while the venerable ladies are sometimes turned back to go over their lots again! So says my informant—a native gentleman of the class "teacher," and wearing spectacles—the glasses of which are about two inches in diameter. Surely he could not be suspected of drawing on his imagination!

Two tea steamers have passed. The *Louisa* came about two p.m. and the *Formosa* about five p.m. yesterday, the former vessel having been many hours below the N.E. crossing; as her pilot could not find sufficient water for her to get over. In four days the river has risen three feet three inches.—N. C. D. News.

#### NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Tigre*, Captain Champeola, from Marseilles, with the London mail of 4th April, arrived here early this morning.

(*Strait Times*.) London, May 1.—Advices dated Cape town 15th April state that the Governor and High Commissioner had arrived at

Pretoria after a satisfactory interview with the Boers and Colonials.

#### (India Papers.)

St. Petersburg, April 18.—An Imperial decree has been issued which invests the Governors of St. Petersburg and the chief provinces with absolute power.

St. Petersburg, April 20.—A very serious riot has taken place at Rostoff, and great excesses were committed. Some Russian troops eventually restored order. Russia is now virtually in a state of siege.

London, April 21.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said that the Government had not sanctioned nor ordered an advance at or on Kabul.

London, April 22.—Advices from Capetown, dated 8th April, state that Lord Chelmsford's camp at Gincholova was repeatedly and fiercely attacked by a force of 11,000 Zulus. At daybreak on 2nd April the Zulus were, however, repulsed with a loss of 1,200 killed, whilst the British loss was but trifling. On the night of the 4th April Lord Chelmsford, with the 91st, 60th, and 57th ("The Die Hards") regiments, besides a detachment of Marines, relieved Colonel Pearson at Ekowe. Ekowe was afterwards evacuated by our troops, the garrison returning to the Tugela river. The total British loss during the engagement fought at Colonel Wood's camp on the 28th and 29th March was 220 killed, including Lieutenant Nicholson, Royal Horse Artillery; Lieutenant Bright, 9th Foot; Lieutenant Johnson, 90th Foot; Captain Barton and Colonel Weatherley. The total loss of Zulus in the same engagement was 2,500.

The House of Commons has assented to the reduction of a Ministerial bill allowing banks of unlimited liability to register with reserved liability.

London, April 21.—An official despatch respecting the fighting at Gincholova on the 2d April confirms that already received by Reuters. After 1½ hours' fighting the enemy retired precipitately, and were pursued by our men for some miles. The Zulu loss is estimated at 1,000 killed. After the relief of Col. Pearson at Ekowe, Lord Chelmsford returned to Gincholova. The camp at Ekowe has been abandoned and a new entrenched camp formed on the coast road.

London, April 22.—In the House of Commons, Sir Stafford Northcote, replying to a question said the Viceroy had telegraphed on 8th April that, in compliance with a despatch of Lord Cranbrook's no advance on Kabul would be made without authority from the Home Government. A further British advance to the front might be necessary in order to be prepared for everything and support negotiations, and an advance on Gandamak, he said, might be desirable owing to the superiority of climate there as compared to Jellalabad. Messages were still passing between Major Cavagnari and Yakob Khan, but it was at present inexpedient to make any statement as to details.

London, April 25.—In the House of Commons the Under-Secretary for India, in replying to a question said that it was true the Viceroy had reduced the cotton duties in opposition to the views of the majority of his Council, but that his action in the matter was perfectly constitutional. The Secretary for India in 1876 after full consideration directed the removal of the duties. Sir George Campbell gave notice of a motion condemning the action of the Viceroy as unconstitutional. Sir Stafford Northcote said that Mr. Rivers-Wilson, being dismissed by the Khedive, will return home and resume his former post.

London, April 25.—The Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in replying to a question, said that from information which the Government had received, he did not believe that a Persian advance on Herat had been undertaken.

London, April 27.—News which was telegraphed from St. Petersburg on the 12th instant that the Russian Government would surrender Kuljda and had concluded a new convention with China is entirely unconfirmed. Negotiations have been broken off on Russia refusing to surrender.

#### BURMA AFFAIRS.

Mandalay, April 19.—King Theesab has announced in full Council that heretofore fear had prompted his yielding to all British demands, but that he would henceforth neither hear nor speak of the proposals of accommodation with the British. Discontent is growing strong among the senior ministers.

Rangoon, April 21.—The position of the Burmese difficulty remains unchanged. There are rumours of the King having massed twenty thousand men at Mandalay, besides several thousands along the frontier. It is also reported that he has received a promise of assistance from a force of Chinese assembled above Bhamo. The country is so excited and so filled with rumours that no reliance can be placed on these stories. It was originally confidently asserted at Rangoon that Fort Mienli, supposed to be one of the strongest places on the Irrawaddy, in Upper Burma, had been repaired and fortified to prevent the passage of the British troops. On inspection it was found that the fort was simply contemptible, being whitewashed and patched. Not a man or gun was within the walls, and the fort looks as if it were never intended to carry guns. On the left bank of the river is a line of fortifications. Some men were found there, but no guns or pieces for guns. One British gunboat on the Irrawaddy is now lying close to the frontier line in constant readiness, and would have no difficulty in clearing the river for the passage of our troops if necessary. Three steamers are lying at Thesaymyo ready to take our troops. Mandalay is reported quiet. The weather is terribly hot, and rains are expected daily.

Mandalay, April 22.—Another prince has been assassinated by the daughter of the Shan Chief of Theilana. The Burmese Government has issued orders to prepare boatloads of stones to keep ready to block the channels. Foreign residents have undertaken to supply torpedoes to be ready by June. A Buddhist priest announces that Rangoon, Thesaymyo, and Tonghoo, will be destroyed by fire at the beginning of May. Trade imports have been stopped.

#### THE AFGHAN WAR.

Simla, April 23.—From Kandahar information has been received that Persian regiments from Meshed are moving towards the Afghan frontier. In Herat, Kabul and Kandahar the regiments are considered trustworthy. Three British have been imprisoned and the Governor Umar Khan is under arrest. From Dera Ghazi Khan it is reported that Captain Showers of the First Punjab Infantry, and Lieutenant Wells of the Royal Engineers accompanied by Major Ashle, proceeded to reconnoitre a disputed route between Tikhel and the Marri

hills, when their baggage escort was attacked by thieves. Three spears and one sword were killed and others wounded. The baggage was recovered by the Marri chiefs, and two of the murderers secured. Measures have been taken to apprehend the remaining murderers, and if caught they will be tried by a military commission. News has been received from Peshawar that a party of robbers from Bazaar carried off several Koochi camels from the road three miles from below All. Mujid on the 21st. The pursuit made was ineffectual. News is to hand from Lundikotal that two companies were sent on the previous day from Daska, to the village Kundakka, seven miles distant, to aid the villagers against the hostile Mohmunda. Subsequent reports showed that the latter are in force and reinforcements are moving from Lundikotal to act if required.

Simla, April 25.—On the 21st instant, Captain Cragh, with a detachment of the Mahawarra battalion, was sent to Kundakka, seven miles distant, to reinforce a village which was supposed to be threatened. On the 22nd, 1,200 Mohmunda crossed the river and surrounded Captain Cragh's detachment. The latter was reinforced from Lundikotal, and the whole force returned without opposition to Daska, having relieved the threatened village. The enemy lost fourteen killed and sixteen wounded. Our force has 25 casualties.

#### (L. and C. Express, April 4.)

It has been definitely settled that the expedition to Merv is to set out during the summer with a force of from 2,000 to 3,000 men, under the command of the Grand Duke Nicholas Constantinovitch. The expedition is to ascertain the most convenient route for a Central Asian railway, to discover to what extent the Amu Darya is navigable, and to find out whether it is possible to restore the waters of the river to their old bed, so that they may flow into the Caspian Sea. It will proceed by way of Karatagui, Syr Darya, Tashkend, and Samarkand, and will follow the downward course of the Amu Darya in boats. The river will then be thoroughly sounded and every kind of investigation made. [This refers to the expedition which later advices inform us has been stopped.]

#### —Ed. C. M.]

New York, March 22.—Private advices indicate that the Chinese Merchants' Company of China, which has at least proved a failure, in the sense that it did not accomplish the purpose for which it was organised, that of wresting the coast steamship traffic from English, French, and German, will shortly wind up its affairs. The steamers sold to the Company by Russell and Co. are, it is understood, to be returned at a valuation. Its credit is affirmed to be still good, but the results of an investigation as to its financial standing was expected to bring about some interesting developments. The collapse is the more striking from the special advantages possessed by the Company from the outset—a large subsidy, pecuniary advances, and the carrying the Chinese flag, which latter, it was supposed, would greatly influence Chinese shippers, who are known to have their own unaccountable preferences for certain vessels—preferences which frequently lead them to defer a shipment until some particular steamer arrives, with the risk of their goods reaching a falling market, and the liability of an increase in cost of freight.

The steamer of the Pacific Mail Company, which arrived yesterday at San Francisco from Hongkong, which left Feb. 22, brought General Legendre, who has long occupied the position of adviser to high Japanese officials. It also landed 577 Chinese immigrants, an unusual number. The circumstance is likely to add fuel to the existing agitation. In view of the efforts being made to restrict the number of immigrants, a certain grim humour attaches to this taking of time by the forelock. However adverse the circumstances they have to face, the Chinese in the United States preserve to a singular degree their independence. The new arrivals will, in all likelihood, travel eastward.

General Garibaldi has embarked at Caperna on board one of the Rubattino steamers for a destination unknown. Many rumours are afloat. Some say he is bound for Athens or is about to organise a phil-Hellenic expedition; others that he is coming to Rome to take part in a debate now going forward on the subject of disturbances and arrests made at Milan; others, again, that the object of his journey is private business; and it is even said that he has undertaken a journey in order to pay his respects to Queen Victoria at Bayona.

Latest Mail Advices: Yokohama (via San Fran.) Feb. 15, Shanghai 15, Foochow 14, Hongkong 22. The advices dated as above, from China and the Straits Settlements, were received by the French Mail, via Marseilles, on the 26th ult., three days early, and from Japan, via San Francisco, on the 24th ult. The next inward P. and O. mail, bringing a week's later dates, left Brindisi at 7 A.M. to-day, and will reach London on the 7th inst., its due date. The steamer *Peshawar*, with the heavy portion of the last inward P. and O. mail, arrived at Southampton on the 31st ult.

Notice has been given in the House of Lords by the Earl of Carnarvon to inquire whether any or what steps have been taken under the Chester Convention to give effect to the clauses relating to the importation of opium, the mission of exploration to Tibet and thence to India, and the appointment of a Commission to regulate the differences between the colony of Hongkong and the province of Canton. The question was set down for the 1st inst., but has been postponed until the expiration of the Easter recess.

Mr Adolphus A. Annesley, late Vice-Consul at Higo, Japan, proceeds by this mail to take up his appointment as Consul at the French colony of Reunion. Mr Annesley's connection with the Consular Service extends over twenty years, his last appointment being Vice-Consul at Higo and Osaka, and Acting Consul for a considerable period, also Acting Consul for France, Austro-Hungary, Italy, and Spain.

A special committee has been appointed by the Russian Government, under the presidency of General Miljutin, the Minister of War, to consider the Kuljda question. It is composed of M. Greign, the Minister of Finance; Privy Councillor Giers, M. Bytsoff (the former Russian Ambassador at Peking), and several others. It is stated that the civil members of the committee are in favour, in principle, of surrendering Kuljda to the Chinese; while the military members recommend that Russia should retain possession of the disputed territory.

The half-yearly report of the directors of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company (Limited) for Dec. 31 shows a gross revenue of £240,970, against £34,758. The working expenses, which include debenture interest and cost of repairing and maintaining cables, were £71,250, and the balance brought forward left the half-year's net profit at £94,050. An interim dividend of 1½ per cent. has already been paid, and the directors now recommend a similar distribution, making 6 per cent. for the year 1878. A balance of £44,112, which is carried to the reserve, raises that fund to £75,018.

The *Gazette* notifies that the Queen has approved of Mr José da Silva Loureiro as Consul at Hongkong for the King of Portugal.

The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, has intimated his intention to appoint Viscount Ebrington, eldest son of Earl Fortescue, to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Devonshire, vacant by the resignation through age of the Rev. L. Hays, of 'Oyst' Hydon.

Lord Ebrington is senior warden of the Barnstaple lodge, and is twenty-four years of age. His grandfather was Provincial Grand Master of Devon for forty-two years.

The *Tyne*, iron screw troop and store-ship, commander John E. Stokes, under repair at Chatham, is ordered to be ready for sea by the 5th inst., and will proceed to the Cape with stores for the troops on service there, and subsequently to Hongkong with the new crews for the *Lily*, *Sheldrake*, and *Mooreen*. She will also take out a large quantity of stores for the China station, and will return with the old crews of the above mentioned vessels, invalided and time-expired men, prisoners, and obsolete stores. The undermentioned detachments of Royal Marines (excepting the Royal Marine Artillery portion which will embark at Portsmouth) are under orders to embark at Chatham in the *Tyne* for Hongkong, viz.—1 corporal or bombardier, 2 gunners and 8 privates (including 3 ward-room officers' servants) for the *Lily*; 1 corporal and 8 privates (including 1 ward-room officer's servant), for the *Mooreen*; 1 corporal and 8 privates (including 1 ward-room officer's servant) for the *Sheldrake*; 1 corporal and 8 privates (including 1 ward-room officer's servant) for the ship *Moquette*; 2 corporals (1 for sick quarters, Yokohama), and 1 private for the *Vol. Ennmanuel*; and 1 sergeant, 1 corporal, 1 bugler, 80 privates, and 8 gunners for disposal on the China Station.

The *Leysian*, 6, composite sloop, Commander the Hon. Horatio N. S. Hood, under orders for the China station, has been inspected by Admiral Farquhar, and has made a very satisfactory measured mile trial, attaining a speed of 11.437 knots. She has proceeded on an experimental cruise in the Channel, previous to leaving for her station.

Commander William H. C. St. Clair (1868) has been selected for the command of the gun-vessel *Duane*, which will be commissioned at Portsmouth, on the 7th inst., for service on the China Station. Lieutenants E. M. Archdale, W. R. H. E. Edwards, and Montagu H. M. Seymour, and Assistant Paymaster Wm. F. Morwill (in charge) are gazetted to this vessel.

The Admiralty Medal for long service and good conduct has been awarded to Francis Terrible, captain's steward, and William Law, chief carpenter's mate, of the *Nassau*, and to Charles Curtis, leading stoker of the *Magpie*.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. Stevens, half pay, late 2nd Foot, has been installed as a Military Knight of Windsor on the Royal Foundation. The gallant officer served in the 49th Regiment throughout the first war in China, in 1840, 1841, and 1842, gaining the medal, and was specially appointed recruiting officer in London, raising upwards of 2,000 men. He did duty in the Crimea in 1856, and raised in Scotland, during the Indian Mutiny, 1857-8, nearly 1,000 men. Lieutenant Colonel Stevens commanded a detachment of four companies 67th Regiment, and was second in command of a flying column, with artillery, in support of Colonel Gordon against the Taipings in China. Shortly after the last war, in 1862, he commanded a detachment of twenty officers and 400 men on board the transport *Alumbagh*, proceeding to South Africa in 1865, and on the line of march to King William's Town. He volunteered for the Ashantee War in 1873, landing at Cape Coast Castle during the bombardment of Elmina. Lieutenant Colonel Stevens obtained a medal and brevet of Major for special service on the Gold Coast.

During the passage of the armoured-plated ship *Aquaduct* through the Suez Canal, on her way home from China, she accidentally grounded, and her screw-shaft was bent by coming into collision with some obstacle. On the vessel being d.ck.d at Chatham it was found that her shaft was nearly two inches out of the straight. To have taken it out to straighten it would have caused a great outlay of money and labour, and so a new plan was adopted. A portable forge, specially prepared, was placed under the shaft, and when it was sufficiently heated powerful hydraulic rams were brought to bear upon it, and after some trouble the shaft was straightened, the work being carried out under the direction of Mr. Parker, foreman in the chief engineer's department.

Lord Ameline Beauclerk, whose death by accident was reported in our last issue, entered the navy in 1815, and as mate of the *Wellington* served on shore at the attack on Chuenpee; was in command of the rocket boat at the Bocca Tigri, and was mentioned in despatches at the capture of Amoy, Chusan, and Chinghae. He obtained his lieutenant's commission in 1841, was promoted to commander in 1846, and became a retired captain in July, 1874.

The *Nassau*, a surveying vessel, Commander William M. Lang, which arrived in Plymouth Sound last week, 140 days from Hongkong, has proceeded to Sheerness to "pay off." Owing to defects in the boilers the *Nassau* had to be towed to the Medway.

The *Junon*, which was to take a party of voyagers round the world, has returned to Marseilles, after having proceeded no further than Rio de Janeiro, and the dispute will probably come before the tribunals.

Enormous quantities of tea have been taken out of bond in anticipation of an increase in the duty. On Friday last week about £48,000 of duty was paid; on Saturday about £53,000; on Monday nearly £80,000 had been paid in at the Customs House on tea. £8,000 was on Tuesday paid in at the London Customs House on duty on tea, a sum exceeding by £20,000 the amount paid in the previous day, and exceeding by £70



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Shipping Orders will be granted until  
5 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.  
on the 26th of May, 1879. (Parcels are not  
to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Hongkong, May 14, 1879.

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## Mails.



## STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-  
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-  
AMPTON, AND LONDON;  
VIA BOMBAY.

ALSO

BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
GUALIOR, Captain J. C. BARTON, will  
leave this on TUESDAY, the 20th May, at  
Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London will be  
conveyed via Bombay without transhipment,  
arriving one week later than by the  
direct route. Silk and Valuables will be  
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at  
Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. MUIVER, Superintendent,  
Hongkong, May 7, 1879. my20

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamships CITY OF  
TOKIO and ALASKA, will be de-  
spatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama,  
on TUESDAY, the 20th, and on MON-  
DAY, the 26th Instant, at 3 p.m. respec-  
tively, taking Passengers, and Freight, for  
Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and  
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-  
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and  
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central  
and South America by the Company's and  
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On THROUGH PASSAGES TO EUROPE,  
a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER  
CENT from Regular Rates is granted to  
OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY,  
and MEMBERS of the CIVIL and  
CONSULAR SERVICES in COMMISS-  
ION.

Freight will be received on board until  
2 p.m. of 19th May, and 25th respec-  
tively. Parcel Packages will be received  
at the office until 5 p.m. same day;  
all Parcel Packages should be marked to  
address in full; value of same retained.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland  
Cargo should be sent to the Company's  
Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the  
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 8, 1879. my26

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL

and  
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BELGIC will be despatch-  
ed for San Francisco via Yokohama,  
on or about May 31st, 1879, at 3  
p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for  
Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central  
and South America, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until  
5 p.m. of the 30th May. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same retained.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.

Consular Invoices to accompany Over-  
land, Mexican, Central and South American  
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's  
Offices addressed to the Collector of Customs,  
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 27, Queen's Road Central.

H. M. BLANCHARD,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, May 6, 1879. my21

## Insurances.

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant In-  
surances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

SWISS LLOYD  
TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Underigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company, have  
this Day taken over charge of the Hong-  
kong Agency, and are prepared to grant  
INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current  
Rates to all parts of the World.

MEYER &amp; Co.,

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

## Insurances.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against Fire to the extent of  
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
Saigon and Penang.  
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
granted at the rates of Premium current at  
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Underigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE &amp; Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-  
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned having been appointed  
Agents in Hongkong for the above-  
named Company, are prepared to grant  
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and  
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the  
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-  
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable  
reduction in Premiums for Life Insurances in  
China.

MEYER &amp; Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Underigned, AGENTS at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared to  
grant Policies against FIRE, to the  
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

## NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on  
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.  
In accordance with the Company's Articles  
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,  
are distributed annually to Contributors  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premium contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,

Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY OF  
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling  
of which is paid up £ 100,000  
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000  
Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Underigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE &amp; Co.

Hongkong, October 18, 1868.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at  
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the  
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.  
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.  
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.  
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.  
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Flag.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
<b>Steamers</b>							
Alaska	4	Seabury	Amer. str.	3452	May 10	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'ham & S. F'disco 26th inst.
Argyll	3	Scott	Brit. str.	1271	May 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Bombay	1	Wharton	Brit. str.	749	Feb.	12 Kwok Aohong	
Carisbrook	2	Langor	Brit. str.	980	May 13	Bun Hin Chan	Swatow and Amoy To-day
Cassandra	3	Langor	Brit. str.	937	May 13	Stemmen & Co.	Saloon
City of Tokio	5	Langor	Amer. str.	5079	May 14	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'ham & San F'disco Mails, 20th
Conquest	5	Elphlok	Brit. str.	317	May 14	Shun Hong	Hankow 19th inst.
Dale	2	Thompson	Brit. str.	650	May 10	Yuen Fat Hong	Tug Flying To-day
Fame	6	Stopani	Brit. str.	117	May 11	H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.	
Flour Castle	2	Kidder	Brit. str.	1822	May 8	Adamson, Bell & Co.	
Gleniffer	2	Graham	Brit. str.	1411	May 11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Gravina	3	Eschevala	Span. str.	396	May 13	Remedios & Co.	Manila To-morrow
Hailong	5	Abbot	Brit. str.	274	May 15	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Pamul, &c. To-morrow
Japan	5	Gardner	Brit. str.	1805	May 7	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c. To-morrow
Killarney	4	O'Neill	Brit. str.	1060	May 15	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
Loyte	5	Zublaquiere	Span. str.	812	April 8	Russell & Co.	K'loon Dock
Namoa	5	Westoby	Brit. str.	862	May 16	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports
Octava	5	Hansen	Brit. str.	896	May 14	Seoy Shing	Saloon
Patroclus	5	White	Brit. str.	1650	May 13	Butterfield & Swire	Amoy & Shanghai To-day
Penedo	3	Olsen	Brit. str.	680	May 11	Melchers & Co.	Saloon at daylight
Saint Mark	5	Johnson	Brit. str.	1098	May 10	Meyer & Co.	
Seotland	5	Atkinson	Brit. str.	1197	May 4	Russell & Co.	Saloon
Sea Gull	8	Haydon	Amer. str.	48	Mar.	24 China Traders' Insurance Co.	To-day
Sunda	5	Reeves	Brit. str.	1029	May 9	P. & O. S. N. Co.	
Tibro	5	Pontois	Brit. str.	1004	May 16	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama To-morrow
Tigre	5	Chapman	Brit. str.	2158	May 16	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai To-morrow
Venice	5	Rhodes	Brit. str.	1271	May 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c. To-morrow
Yettung	2	McDonnell	Brit. str.	286	May 16	Kwok Aohong	Swatow at daylight
Zephyr	1	Hauer	Brit. str.	.....	.....	Russell & Co.	

Sailing Vessels							
Abbie N. Franklin	4	Howe	Amer. bge.	460	Mar.	6 Captain	
Aleppo	1	Falconer	Brit. bge.	665	April 27	Borneo Co., Limited	
Alexa	8	Robb	Brit. bge.	424	April 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Foochow
Alice C. Dickerman	3	Bugant	Amer. bge.	501	May 15	Order	
Annie W. Weston	3	Winsor	Amer. bge.	740	April 23	Order	
Beethoven	7	Hajer	Ger. bge.	340	May 14	Melchers & Co.	
Black Prince	7	Hajer	Brit. sh.	751	May 14	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	
Chamron Kamrye	2	Stobbs	Siam. bge.	.....	May 16	Kin Tye Loong	
Chilnam	2	Beadle	Brit. sh.	1888	April 24	Vogel & Co.	San Francisco
Edith	7	Manston	Amer. sh.	1173	April 30	Vogel & Co.	San Francisco
Edward May	7	Johnson	Amer. bge.	928	April 8	Russell & Co.	New York
Freeman	2	Howe	Amer. bge.	1197	May 15	Chinese	
Fulda	1	Basson	Ger. bge.	884	May 8	Melchers & Co.	
Gertrude	4	France	Brit. bge.	483	April 18	Carlowitz & Co.	Callao
Golden Fleec	8	Wiltshire	Brit. bge.	898	Mar.	10 Vogel & Co.	Hamburg
Hattie E. Tapley	8	Tapley	Amer. sh.	946	April 25	Adamson, Bell & Co.	New York
Haze	4	Evans	Amer. sh.	882	April 18	Vogel & Co.	
Henrik Ibsen	8	Daa	Norw. bge.	274	May 11	Edvard Schellhaas & Co.	
Hermine	2	Meyer	Ger. bge.	350	May 8	Edvard Schellhaas & Co.	
Highlander	4	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	June 19	Vogel & Co.	
Hongkong	3	Oam	Ger. 3m. sh.	219	May 10	Chinese	
John R. Stanhope	2	Pillsbury	Amer. bge.	407	May 15	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	
Juliane	3	Oestmann	Ger. 3m. sh.	187	May 15	Captain	
Memnoh	7	Wass	Amer. sh.	850	April 13	Melchers & Co.	
Nuevo Constante	1	Uriarte	Span. sh.	203	May 9	Remedios & Co.	Manila
Onetia	4	Olympe	Brit. sh.	2293	Mar.	15 Russell & Co.	San Francisco
Patia	5	Schultz	Ger. bge.	395	May 1	Sjomsen & Co.	
Pheton	3	Scheel	Brit. bge.	576	April 10	Wiser & Co.	Callao
Prima Donna	4	Lunt	Amer. sh.	1450	April 18	Vogel & Co.	London
Queen of India	8	Cary	Brit. bge.	890	April 10	Wiser & Co.	
Rosebud	3	Collie	Brit. 3m. sh.	341	April 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Sumatra	3	Clough	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 6	Russell & Co.	
Yesuvis	8	Cull	Amer. bge.	813	April 28	Russell & Co.	San Francisco
Young Siam	2	Benadictsen	Siam. sh.	701	May 9	Kin Tye Loong	
Zouave	3	Means	Amer. sh.	1202	April 25	Captain	